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REMARKS

This response is intended as a full and complete response to the non-final Office Action mailed April 17, 2003. That Office Action notes that claims 1-8 are pending and that claims 1-8 are rejected. This amendment amends claims 1-8 and adds new claims 9-17.

In view of the amendments presented above and the following discussion the Applicant submits that all claims are now in allowable form. It is to be understood that the Applicant, by amending the claims, is not acquiescing to the Examiner's characterizations of the art of record or to the pending claims.

**35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejections
of Claims 1-8**

The Office Action rejects claims 1-8 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Torok, US Patent 3,258,324. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection. Claim 1 recites a method of manufacturing a display tube by press-forming a glass panel to have corners such that the surface temperatures of the corners remain below a glass strain point temperature after pressing. Therefore, for at least that reason, independent claim 1 and its dependent claims 2-8 are allowable.

Torok discloses a glass pressing apparatus that can control the heat distribution of a formed glass article. As such, the Torok glass pressing apparatus may be well suited to practicing the subject invention. But, Torok does not teach or suggest the method recited in claim 1. Accordingly, withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. §103(a) rejections of claims 1-8 are respectfully requested.

New claims 9-17 are added. Those claims relate to manufacturing a glass product using a die and a plunger such that the inner surfaces of corners remain below a strain point of the glass after pressing. As such is not taught or suggested in Torok, allowance of new claims 9-17 is respectfully requested.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, the Applicant believes that the subject application is in condition for allowance. Applicant requests the Examiner to reconsider and reexamine the subject application. An early, favorable action is respectfully solicited.

If the Examiner deems that a telephone call would further the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call Mr. Eric Bram at (914) 333-9635. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the address of record (not to the signing attorney).

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the United States Patent and Trademark Office, or if any additional fees are required, please Charge Deposit Account 20-0782.

Respectfully submitted,

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